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SUBJECT: UNGA OCEANS AND LAW OF THE SEA - BRAZIL WILL NOT MAKE STATEMENT TO THE UNGA ON TORRES STRAIGHT DEBATE

REF: STATE 195607

Science Office delivered demarche in REFTEL on Dec. 6 to Maria Teresa Pessoa, Director of the Space and Sea Division of the Brazilian Foreign Ministry. In response to the demarche, Pessoa stated that the Government of Brazil recognizes the prerogative of Australia to establish navigational regulations in waters under Australia's jurisdiction, but does not intend to intervene in the Plenary. Brazil will not make a statement to the United Nations General Assembly.

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